

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of specifying settings used with a file, said method comprising:

opening ~~accessing~~ said file using a software application, wherein associated with said application are global settings that are applied to said file when contents of said file are rendered for display, said application automatically imposing said global settings on all files associated with said application by default;

saving a file-specific setting defined for said file, said file-specific setting replacing a corresponding global setting defined by said application for said file, wherein said global settings for other said files associated with said application are unchanged by said file-specific setting;

closing said file; and

upon subsequent opening ~~accessing~~ of said file, applying using said file-specific setting to said display of said contents instead of said corresponding global setting.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1 further comprising:

accessing said file; and

overriding said corresponding global setting with said file-specific setting.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 further comprising saving said file-specific setting with said contents ~~the content~~ of said file.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 further comprising:

associating said file-specific setting with said file; and

saving said file-specific setting separate from said contents ~~the content~~ of said file.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 4 wherein said file-specific setting is saved in a registry, wherein said registry comprises a hierarchical arrangement of application-specific global settings and file-specific settings.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein said file-specific setting is associated with the file name of said file, and wherein said file-specific setting is indexed using said file name.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 6 wherein said file is associated with a Web page and said file name comprises a Uniform Resource Locator.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein said file-specific setting is derived from said contents ~~the content~~ of said file.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the file name of said file comprises a string of characters that invoke said file-specific setting.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein said file-specific setting comprises display window size and position with respect to said application.

11. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein said file comprises multiple pages for display by said application, wherein said file-specific setting comprises identification of a page last displayed when said file was closed.

12. (Currently Amended) A system for specifying settings used with a file, said system comprising:

a software application for opening ~~accessing~~ said file, wherein associated with said application are global settings that are applied to said file when contents of said file are rendered for display, said application automatically imposing said global settings on all files associated with said application by default;

a software storage element for saving a file-specific setting defined for said file while said file is closed, said file-specific setting replacing a corresponding global setting defined by said application for said file, wherein said global settings for other said files associated with said application are unchanged by said file-specific setting, and wherein upon subsequent opening ~~accessing~~ of said file said file-specific setting is applied to said display of said contents used instead of said corresponding global setting.

13. (Original) The system of Claim 12 wherein said corresponding global setting is overridden with said file-specific setting.

14. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 12 wherein said file comprises said storage element so that said file-specific setting is saved with said contents ~~the content~~ of said file.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 12 wherein said storage element comprises a reference file, wherein said file-specific setting is saved separate from said contents ~~the content~~ of said file.

16. (Original) The system of Claim 15 wherein said storage element comprises a registry, wherein said registry comprises a hierarchical arrangement in which file-specific settings are sorted by application.

17. (Original) The system of Claim 12 wherein said storage element is associated with the file name of said file, and wherein said storage element is indexed using said file name.

18. (Original) The system of Claim 17 wherein said file is associated with a Web page and said file name comprises a Uniform Resource Locator.

19. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 12 wherein said file-specific setting is derived from said contents ~~the content~~ of said file.

20. (Original) The system of Claim 12 wherein the file name of said file comprises a string of characters that invoke said file-specific setting.

21. (Original) The system of Claim 12 wherein said file-specific setting comprises display window size and position with respect to said application.

22. (Original) The system of Claim 12 wherein said file comprises multiple pages for display by said application, wherein said file-specific setting comprises identification of a page last displayed when said file was closed.

23. (Currently Amended) A method of establishing settings for a file, said method comprising:

opening accessing said file, said file associated with a software application, said application imposing global settings on all files associated with said application by default when contents of said file are rendered for display;

overriding a global setting associated with said application and applied to said file with a file-specific setting defined for said file, wherein said global settings for other said files associated with said application are unchanged by said overriding;

closing said file; and

reopening executing said file with said file-specific setting in use in lieu of said global setting, wherein said reopening comprises applying said file-specific setting during said display of said contents.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 23 wherein said file-specific setting is saved with said contents ~~the content~~ of said file.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 23 wherein said file-specific setting is saved separate from said contents ~~the content~~ of said file.

26. (Original) The method of Claim 25 wherein said file-specific setting is saved in a registry, wherein said file-specific setting is indexed in said registry using said file name.

27. (Original) The method of Claim 26 wherein said file is associated with a Web page and said file name comprises a Uniform Resource Locator.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 23 wherein said file-specific setting is derived from said contents ~~the content~~ of said file.

29. (Original) The method of Claim 23 wherein the file name of said file comprises a string of characters that invoke said file-specific setting.

30. (Original) The method of Claim 23 wherein said file-specific setting comprises display window size and position with respect to said application.

31. (Original) The method of Claim 23 wherein said file comprises multiple pages for display, and wherein said file-specific setting comprises identification of a page last displayed when said file was closed.